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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 2170
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E.O. 12065: GDS 2-14-85 (AMSTUTZ J. BRUCE) OR-M

TAGS:

SUBJ: KIDNAPPING OF AMBASSADOR DUBS: SITREP NO. 11

1. I HAVE JUST PHONED DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER DOST AND TOLD HIM THE FOLLOWING: I SAID THAT IN TOTAL DISREGARD OF OUR REPEATED REQUESTS TO HIM AND HIS GOVERNMENT TO AVOID ANY FORCED ACTION, THIS HAS DONE AND AMB. DUBS IS NOW DEAD. I ASKED HIM TO CONVEY THIS PROTEST IMMEDIATELY TO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AMIN AND PRESIDENT TARAKI THAT I TOGETHER WITH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS HIGHLY UNHAPPY AND COULD NOT BE MORE DISTRESSED WITH THE ACTION OF THE DRA. THAT AS DEPUTY MINISTER DOST KNEW EVEN SECRETARY VANCE HAD PERSONALLY APPEALED THAT NO FORCED ACTION BE TAKEN.

2. ACCORDING TO FLATIN AND BOLES, CALLS FROM THE HOTEL, THE AMBASSADOR WAS STRUCK IN THE HEAD AND HEART. WHETHER THE BULLETS WERE FIRED BY THE TERRORISTS OR BY THE POLICE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED BY OUR PEOPLE. THE BODY HAS BEEN TAKEN TO OUR DISPENSARY.

3. ACCORDING TO BOLES, THE TWO TERRORISTS WERE ALSO STRUCK

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AND HE BELIEVES ONE IS ALSO DEAD.

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4. PLEASE CONVEY MY PERSONAL AND THE EMBASSY'S DEEPEST
CONDOLENCES TO MARY ANN AND LINDSEY. AMSTUTZ

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